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SUBJECT: FNLA COORDINATED ATTACK DURING THE SUMMIT; PRESENCE OF
U.S. WEAPONS

1. ALTHOUGH DURING THE JUNE 15-22 ANGOLAN SUMMIT IN KENYA
THE BASIC MILITARY SITUATION HERE DID NOT CHANGE, FNLA
DID MOUNT SMALL ATTACKS ALL ALONG THE FNLA-MPLA FRONT LINE.
THERE WERE ALSO TWO SEPARATE BUT RELATED ATTEMPTED BOMBING
INCIDENTS WHICH COULD PRESENT PROBLEMS FOR THE U.S.

2. ON JUNE 15 AND 18 FNLA LAUNCHED A DOZEN SMALL,
SIMULTANEOUS ATTACKS AGAINST MPLA OUTPOSTS ALONG THE
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ENTIRE FRONT LINE FROM CAXITO TO QUITEXE TO SAMBO CAJU

AND MALANGE. THE ATTACKS WERE MOSTLY IN AREAS STILL MILITARILY CONTESTED ALTHOUGH THE LOCAL POPULACE IS KIMBUNDU SPEAKING AND THEREFORE BASICALLY PRO-MPLA. JUDGING FROM MPLA'S REACTION, THE ATTACKS MUST HAVE HAD SOME SUCCESS. THESE ATTACKS DID NOT AFFECT THE BASIC POWER BALANCE AND CAME NOWHERE NEAR THE KEY MPLA HELD CHOKE-POINTS AT CAXITO AND DONDO BUT THEY ARE THE FIRST SIGNIFICANT FNLA OFFENSIVE MOVE INTO MPLA TERRITORY.

3. ON SATURDAY, JUNE 22, THE SAME DAY THE NEW ACCORDS WERE SIGNED AT NAKURU, TWO SEPARATE EXPLOSIVE DEVICES WERE FOUND IN LUANDA. BOTH WERE IDENTICAL DEVICES COMPOSED OF THREE 3.5 INCH BAZOOKA SHELLS WIRE TO A TIMING DEVICE AND A HAND GRENADE, ONE HIDDEN IN AN AUTO PARKED NEAR AN FNLA GARRISON, THE OTHER IN THE STREET. THEY WERE DISCOVERED BY CHANCE AND EVENTUALLY DISARMED BY LOCAL POLICE WHEN THE PORTUGUESE ARMP'S BOMB DISPOSAL TEAM FAILED TO SHOW UP. FROM THE PUBLISHED PHOTO-GRAPHS THE SHELLS APPEAR TO BE U.S.-MADE 3.5 INCH HEAT ROCKETS ("3 ROCKETS H.E.A.T. 3.5 IN., M28A2" ON THE BOX). THEY WERE IN SMALL CYLINDRICAL LAUNCHING TUBES, AIMED AT GARRISONS LOCATED WELL WITHIN THE EUROPEAN SECTOR OF THE CITY.

4. THESE ARE ONLY THE THIRD AND FOURTH KNOWN ATTEMPTS AT URBAN BOMBING AND FIRST TIME U.S. WEAPONS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE HANDS OF ONE OF THE LIBERATION FORCES. IT MAY HAVE BEEN PURE CHANCE THAT THE SHELLS WERE PROCURED AND USED IN THIS MANNER, OR IT MAY HAVE BEEN A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO EMBARRASS OR INVOLVE THE U.S.
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